

Shellfish Department April 2017 Monthly Report

Public Fishery

Herring River opened on March 29th and our commercial fishermen are landing good catches. Also there is an abundance of seed and we are optimistic that it will be a productive summer. We are also seeing good catches from the west side (Great Island) area of the harbor. This is particularly encouraging as this region was nearly wiped out by the winters of 2013-2015. Size and limit compliance has been excellent. In addition, we are putting together a comprehensive grant inspection program. Chipman's cove still has both commercial and recreational shellfishermen fishing the area. The commercial fishermen are fishing the "mud area" and averaging a bushel per tide. There are a few boats fishing the harbor mainly focusing on blood arcs (blood clams).

Enforcement notes:

One written warning was issued/sent for delinquent shellfish grant report submission.

Unlicensed individual was given a verbal warning we educated and confiscated catch.

Public fishery info:

We have been in contact with cultch shipping received verbal commitment for cultch delivery week of April 14th

Our truck went back to garage for repair for electrical failure. Did multiple state water testing and red tide test. We will be doing standard red tide test weekly.

Attended S.A.C meetings

B.O.S Meetings

Herring River scientific studies meeting.

WEA meeting

Respectfully submitted,

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